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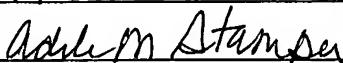
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed November 29, 2004, Applicant responds as follows.

It is respectfully submitted that the Official Action mailed August 4, 2004 does not in fact set forth two separate and distinct species of the present invention. It would appear that claim 1, the only claim believed to possibly fall into the second species (which it is noted is also designated as species "I" but is believed to be species "II" in the Official Action) is admitted to be generic in the Official Action. Applicant's previous election of Species I (process requires forming of TFT) is reaffirmed and it is believed that claims 2-27 read on this elected species. Claim 1, being generic, is not believed to be part of a separate species and is also believed to be proper for examination at this time. Therefore, Applicant reasserts that claims 1-27 should all be subject to examination at this time. It is noted that MPEP 808.01(a) generally indicates that an action on the merits following an election "should include a full and complete action on the elected species as well as on any generic claim that may be present" and thus

supports Applicant's position that all claims should be examined in the subject application.

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above.

Respectfully submitted,


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